

# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

#### SEASON'S GREETINGS

"Happy is he who at the end of a year has something beautiful to remember from his yesterdays and something good to hope for from his tomorrows; who has a friend he wants to copy, and a friend who wants to copy him; who has courage to attempt great things all by himself and the wisdom to ask help; who gives thanks with a whole heart for present blessings, and is already at work with plans for the New Year."

That every member, reader, and advertiser enter in upon the coming holiday season in that spirit, is the friendly greeting extended by the Officers and Councilors. For all the earnest wish is for a truly Merry Christmas and a New Year of happiness, prosperity, and contentment.

#### COUNTY OFFICERS

Many, if not most of our county units, have held their annual meeting and elected officers for the coming year. To these new officers and also to the members, the following suggestions are tendered.

Election to office is not an idle or passing honor. It must not be assumed that all that such election entails consists of the privilege to be addressed as "Mr. President" or "Mr. Secretary." Acceptance of office implies that you are willing to assume and discharge all of the duties that attend your office. That you are willing to contribute of your time, efforts and continuous thought in order that your county society may attain all of its purposes and enhance the value of membership. If you are unwilling to so officiate, it might have been better had you not accepted the office.

Officers of county medical societies are not and cannot be mere figureheads if medical organizations are to accomplish desirable results. They are the directors, leaders, and spokesmen of the medical profession in their respective counties. They must think and live for their society day

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and night. It is theirs to plan, to inaugurate, to direct organizational work. They must inspire and enlist the cooperative support of all the members and supervise the work of all committees. They must increase and intensify their interest in the affairs of their community and cause the county society to assume a leading rôle in building sound public and private health opinions and to maintain public good will and support.

When officers and members conform to and reflect these responsibilities of office, then their county medical society will be a going organization.

#### SELF-MEDICATION

We congratulate the editor of the *Visalia Morning Delta* and commend highly his recent editorial that is here republished. This editorial writer has transmitted to his readers most sound advice and timely warning. Would that all other editors followed this precept, but we are somewhat afraid that the income from nostrum manufacturers' advertising will suppress their editorials.

#### ASKING FOR TROUBLE IN QUEST OF HEALTH

Announcement by the American Medical Association that over thirty deaths have been caused by the use of a new remedy, despite previous warnings against the dangers of the drug, directs attention again to the credulity of the American public in matters of medicine.

In the face of clear pronouncements that the full properties of the preparation were as yet unknown, patients readily subscribed to its use—with tragic results.

A companion case is that of a reducing compound which produces artificial fever, and which added another life to its toll on the same day the other fatalities were disclosed. Since the original announcement of the Medical Association, thirty-six deaths are now chalked up against the alleged elixir.

Unexplicable is the tendency of Americans to try out new medicines, with their own bodies as test tubes, disregarding tested scientific knowledge. Many of these preparations are produced under semi-secret formulas, compounded with pseudoscientific ingredients, manufactured not for improvement of health, but for sale alone.

Equally inexplicable is the refusal of the purchasing public to accept the factual findings of acknowledged experts, such as the corps of analysts employed by the American Medical Association, solely for the enlightenment and protection of the public.

Before any drug or medicinal preparation is accepted by the Association it is subjected to most exhaustive tests and analyses. Only after all tests are complete and results correlated, is the drug accepted and given to members of the Association for use. All preparations found unfit are so branded, and physicians are warned against their use.

The human race should be old enough to realize that there is no mystical fountain of youth, and that equally remote is the possibility of finding physical panaceas for all ills. But with the same abandonment of common sense that keeps get-rich-quick promoters in wealth, man follows a will-o'-the-wisp in his search for health, willing to accept almost fantastic medicaments before he will turn to the advice of a qualified physician, or seek within his own soul for the solution of his problem of healthful living.

If science were to ask any man to submit his precious body to medical experiment that might endanger his life, he would scorn the idea as ridiculous. But without thought of future, without slightest concern for consequences, thousands and millions of invalids blandly accept the ballyhoo of high-pressure quacks in the face of sound, accepted medical knowledge.

#### HOTEL RESERVATIONS—PASADENA

Members are once more reminded that it is advisable to write to the manager of the Huntington Hotel in Pasadena for room reservations for the 1938 annual session the week of May 8. Hotel assignments have been placed in the

hands of the manager of the Huntington Hotel, to whom all requests for reservations should be sent.

The Committee on Scientific Work together with section officers have just about completed the details for a very attractive scientific program, with several outstanding features. Four distinguished out-of-state guest speakers have accepted invitations to participate in the program, and will join in presenting a timely symposium. It is going to be a worth while annual session.

So write for your hotel reservations today.

#### PASSING COMMENTS

Guard your surplus funds and do not invest them in securities that some calling salesman describes in a glowing sales talk. Before purchase, consult with a reputable investment banker. This warning is repeated because of reports of unfortunate losses some members sustained during recent months.

These are some additional comments on the October 3 Secretaries' Conference that were received too late for publication in the last issue.

"I feel that the Conference held in San Francisco recently has been of great value to both secretaries and committee members. The annual meetings of the Association leave too long a time between vital discussions of important problems, so that semi-annual meetings, such as are held, keep the interest up and enable everyone to get the viewpoint of confrères from other portions of the State."

"It certainly was a pleasure to attend the conference of county secretaries and committee members. I think we all picked up many points of interest and instruction that will prove of lasting benefit."

"The idea of bringing together the officers of each county medical association and members of outstanding committees to meet with the officers of the State Association is, in my opinion, a very advisable thing to do, as it doubtless will give to the officers of the various committees a much better conception of the actions of the Association. After all, the State Medical Association cannot function at its best without the coöperation of the county units."

"It seems to me that the plan and details of the meeting as carried out left little which could be improved. It was all constructive and worth while. The representative of any society could find everything of interest and worth taking back home. The address of President-Elect Abell was most interesting, and if the purposes he expressed could be carried out the American public would profit. The reports of the various standing committees were all ably presented. Doctor Roblee is always interesting, and the work of each committee was so ably reported that each society would greatly benefit if they could be able to hear each separate one of them."

"In reply to yours of the 6th regarding the annual conference of county secretaries and committee members, I wish to state that I found the meeting very interesting as well as profitable, in that it answered many questions that have come up during the year here in our local society. I was especially interested in Doctor Ruddock's talk on post-graduate opportunities, and Doctor Crosby's discussion of hospitals, dispensaries, and clinics."

"Even though this is too late for comments to be published, I take pleasure in making a brief statement to you concerning such meetings. The recent one afforded me the first opportunity I have had to attend such a conference. In my estimation, it is well worth while because it brings together men from various parts of the State in such a way that their acquaintance with one another is extended in a valuable way, so far as organized medicine is concerned. It is stimulating to not only know people from other sections of the State, but to be able to exchange ideas with them first hand. I am heartily in favor of continuing such meetings."

"My reaction to the third annual conference of county secretaries and committee members was that it furnished an enjoyable and somewhat stimulating day, but I could

not help asking myself at the end of the session just what had been accomplished. Certainly, the talk by Doctor Abell was very much worth while. Otherwise the benefits of the meeting would have to be considered as due to whatever stimulation the various attendants may have received to do more active and enthusiastic work."

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The Wisconsin Medical Society at its recent annual session levied a \$10 per member assessment in addition to the fixed annual dues of \$15. It requires funds to conserve the individual interests of members and to educate the public.

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The Council will meet in Los Angeles in January. The Committee on Scientific work and the chairmen and secretaries of scientific sections will meet in Santa Barbara on January 15. At that time the final plans for the annual session in Pasadena will be determined.

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The federacy of the American Medical Association, with its state and county units, will determine the future of medical care and practice in this country. When new methods and new plans of service are indicated, this federacy will develop and apply them upon a sound basis. There is no excuse or need for this self-constituted "Committee of Physicians." If this group feels that it has a cause, a solution, or a proposal, the channels and the organization exists where these projects may be presented and official action recorded after due deliberation. Independent action by this Committee of Physicians will only create confusion, disrupt unity of action, becloud the issue and result in failure. If this committee has wise-minded members, the wisest action it can take is to disband and unite with the constituted federacy that by purpose, action and past records is alone competent and authorized to speak for the medical men of this nation.

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

#### THE BARBITURATES

Since Emil Fischer and Von Mering introduced diethyl barbituric acid as "veronal" in 1903, and failed to cover by patent the various possible chemical modifications of this compound, the medical profession has been flooded with dozens of barbital derivatives, few of which have been shown to have any advantage over the now official barbital. A characteristic feature of all these agents is the slowness with which they are detoxified or removed from the body. The result is that they tend to cumulate on repeated administration with serious untoward effects.

These general statements are true for all barbiturates. However, the promptness of recovery from the central nervous system effects of certain newly introduced ones, such as pentobarbital ("Nembutal") and "Evipal," have led to the claim that they are promptly detoxified in the body. The persistence of other effects indicates the slowness with which they all are detoxified.

Dr. P. J. Hanzlik, Professor of Pharmacology at Stanford University Medical School, San Francisco, has prepared a thorough survey of the untoward side actions of the barbiturates (*California and Western Medicine*, 46:302-306, May, 1937). This report excited editorial comment in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

A good rule in using the barbiturates is not to repeat administration. If relatively prolonged action is desired, then barbital or phenobarbital are probably as satisfactory as any. If prompt recovery from central depression is desired then pentobarbital seems to be satisfactory. If it is necessary to use a hypnotic agent over a period of time, then it is wise for the physician to alternate such various chemical types as chloral hydrate, paraldehyd, sodium bromid, and one of the barbiturates.

#### ASSOCIATION NIGHTS

Recently, President Morrow, Councilor O. D. Hamlin, and the State Secretary attended the annual meeting and dinner of the Contra Costa County Medical Society in

Richmond. There was a goodly attendance of the members of this active county unit. President Morrow gave a lantern-slide clinic on syphilis and answered many questions. Councilor Hamlin and the State Secretary discussed organizational activities and the features of the Association's expanding program.

#### LIABILITY INSURANCE POLICIES

Members are warned to exercise caution when securing malpractice insurance liability policies. Be sure that there are no exemptions and that you have full coverage against all claims that may be made against you.

This warning is timely, for within a week three policies were reviewed that had just been obtained and which the holders believed gave them full coverage. In all of them liability was denied in claims arising from the use of x-rays and radium, the acts of assistants and technicians and for services rendered in a hospital or clinic.

A goodly number of policies are being sold that are high valueless. Read your policy before paying the premium and be sure you have adequate coverage. If in doubt send in your policy to the central office and you will be advised.

Policies may be obtained that will fully protect you in claims for professional services rendered, or which should have been rendered by you, your partner, assistant, technician, nurse or any other person, and claims or suits based on malpractice, error, negligence, mistake, breach of contract, loss of service, property damage, autopsies, inquests, personal restraint, dispensing of drugs or medicines, assault, slander, libel, undue familiarity, anesthesia hallucination, malicious prosecution, or replevin of property.

Such a policy gives you full coverage at reasonable rates that are less than those for lesser protective policies. Read your policies and maintain complete protection.

#### CANCER COMMISSION PATHOLOGY CONFERENCE SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1937

Stanford University Medical School, Sacramento and Webster Streets, San Francisco

The midwinter Conference on Pathology, held under the auspices of the Cancer Commission of the California Medical Association, will be held on December 19, in Room 406, Stanford University Medical School, Sacramento and Webster streets, San Francisco.

The program will consist of a morning and afternoon session, starting at 9 a. m. Interesting cases are to be presented.

Those desiring to make case reports should send the case history, together with sixty slides, as soon as possible to the chairman of the committee, Dr. D. A. Wood, Stanford Medical School, Sacramento and Webster streets, San Francisco. These can then be mailed to the participants for study before the meeting and should be brought to the meeting. Those who wish to participate in the meeting are requested to register with the chairman as soon as possible. Bring your own microscope.

The committee arranging the meeting consists of Dr. D. A. Wood (chairman), Drs. Paul Michael, Zera Bolin, Jesse Carr and James McNaught.

#### A LETTER FROM AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT-ELECT IRVIN ABELL

Louisville, Kentucky,  
October 14, 1937.

Dr. F. C. Warnshuis  
Four Fifty Sutter  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Doctor Warnshuis:—Many thanks for your kind letter of October 4, and please be assured of the pleasure it gave me to meet the members of the California Medical Association and to observe the sincerity and earnestness with which they approach their problems. Their cordiality and courtesy to me have left a most happy remembrance of my visit and inspires me to want to come back. I will be glad to bear in mind your kind invitation for the 1939 session, and hope that circumstances will permit of my acceptance.

With all good wishes, and looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you next month, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
IRVIN ABELL.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

### Public Education

To inform, enlighten, and educate the public in matters relating to health, preventive medicine and proper medical care has been a major activity of medical organizations and allied lay societies or associations. These efforts have been many and varied. Public meetings, lecture courses, the public press, literature, exhibits, expositions, the radio, and campaigns and drives, have been employed intensely and systematically. Progress has been made, but not until recently has there been much thought given as to how effective these methods and programs have been or whether the results justified the efforts, energy, and the funds expended.

Recently some paused to think, reviewed results and survey methods. How effective have been the agencies employed? How well has the information that was imparted been assimilated and applied? What medium or method produced the best results and accomplished the greatest good? Through what means was the message best understood? These questions are of interest and the concern of all who seek to disseminate dependable information that will be retained and applied. Without application and use, education is meaningless and a waste of effort and money.

Recently a survey, study, and an evaluation have been conducted under careful, observant control and end tests. A detailed report is soon to be made. The evaluation reached may be summarized by listing the following in their comparative end-results and value:

- (a) Moving pictures, 90 per cent.
- (b) Pamphlets and literature, 5 per cent.
- (c) Lectures by trained speakers and teachers, 4 per cent.
- (d) Expositions, fairs, exhibits, 1 per cent.

These results give reasons for pause and thought on the part of all persons, organizations and agencies engaged in movements designed to inform and educate the public. Consideration should be given as to whether present programs and plans should be adjusted and revamped in order that useless methods be discarded and productive ways be substituted.

### COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

#### HUMBOLDT COUNTY

The Humboldt County Medical Society met on October 7 at 8:15 p. m. at the St. Joseph's Hospital, President Allan R. Watson presiding. There were twenty members present. Dr. W. H. Sargent of Oakland was the guest speaker.

Dr. J. M. Goodman was elected to membership. Due to the reduction in the State dues, our local society reduced its dues to \$5 for the coming year.

Doctor Wing reported on the business carried on at the Secretaries' Conference held in San Francisco on October 2.

Doctor Sargent gave a very interesting talk on *Superficial Malignancies as Treated by Radiology*.

After a luncheon served by the Sisters, the meeting adjourned.

LAWRENCE A. WING, *Secretary*.

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#### KERN COUNTY

The Kern County Medical Society met in regular session at the El Tejon Hotel in Bakersfield on Thursday evening, October 21. Dr. H. W. Jones, Vice-President, called the meeting to order.

† The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland is the chairman, and Dr. F. C. Warnshuis is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Dr. Jay Crane and Dr. Bernard Silver of Los Angeles were the guests and speakers of the evening.

Dr. Louis A. Packard proposed a resolution, which was adopted by the Society, as follows:

WHEREAS, It has been the habit in the past for the Doctors of Medicine attached to the CCC camps in Kern County to practice medicine freely in competition with private practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Private physicians have been called upon to do work for the CCC in the area and have never been able to collect a fee; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Kern County Medical Society ask the proper authorities of the CCC to see that the medical officers of the CCC do not exceed their privileges, and that private physicians be paid for doing the work they are called upon to do; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the CCC authorities.

It was decided that officers of the California Medical Association and members of the component counties in the Third District be given early invitations to the annual banquet to be held in December. A committee, composed of Doctors Packard, Fox and Strongin, was appointed to make arrangements. Dr. William Moore was notified of his election to fill the unexpired term of the late Dr. N. N. Brown on the Board of Directors.

Doctor Crane presented a very interesting talk on *Nephroptosis as a Cause of Recurrent Attacks of Pyelitis and Pyelonephritis* and discussed the operation of nephropexy. The importance of good pyelography was well demonstrated by the large series of x-ray slides he used in illustration.

Doctor Silver reported on a *Series of Two Hundred Cases of Gonorrhea in the Male Treated with Sulfanilamide in the Los Angeles Venereal Disease Clinic*. Strict criteria were used for cure, and his data was very favorable for the efficacy of the drug in both acute and chronic gonorrhea. He stressed the possible toxic reactions and warned against indiscriminate use of the drug.

This timely subject provoked much discussion among the members, following which the meeting was adjourned.

C. S. COMPTON, *Secretary*.

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#### PLACER COUNTY

The Placer County Medical Society had its annual meeting in Auburn Saturday evening, November 13, 1937. There were present the following members and visitor:

Members: President Lewis and Doctors Mackay, Hirsch, Kindopp, Padgett, Lundegaard, Atkinson, Peers, Miller, Russell and L. B. Barnes.

Visitor: Dr. Lionel A. B. Street, a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society.

This being the annual meeting, the secretary-treasurer read the secretary's annual report and the treasurer's annual report, both of which were approved.

The following officers and delegates were elected for the ensuing year: President, Dr. C. Ettrick Lewis of Auburn; vice-president, Dr. William M. Miller of Auburn; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Robert A. Peers of Colfax; delegate to state meeting, Dr. L. W. Empey of Roseville; alternate, Dr. Mildred E. Thoren of Weimar.

The application of Dr. Christian B. Pedersen of Tahoe for membership was unanimously approved and Doctor Pedersen was elected a member of the Placer County Medical Society.

The application of Dr. S. Fritz Tobias of Grass Valley was read, but action was postponed until the doctor had been practicing in the county the necessary six months.

On motion by Dr. R. C. Atkinson, seconded by Dr. Vernon W. Padgett, a committee consisting of Doctors Mackay, L. B. Barnes, Atkinson, Hirsch and Padgett was appointed by the president to serve as a Committee on Fee Schedule.

There were case reports by Doctors Padgett, Lewis, Kindopp and Barnes. Dr. Lionel A. B. Street, a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Society, gave a very interesting talk on "Medical Practice in Siam, China, Japan, Manila and other parts of the Orient."

The Society adjourned for refreshments.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.

#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order by the president, Dr. Raymond Wallerius, on September 21, at the Auditorium on Twenty-ninth and L streets. There were sixty-two members and guests present.

Doctor Reardan gave a report on a case of *Milroy's Disease or Congenital Hereditary Edema of the Legs*.

The paper of the evening was presented by Chauncey D. Leake, Ph.D., of the University of California Medical School. Doctor Leake gave a very interesting as well as instructive talk on *New Drugs*, and began his discussion by taking up the history of pharmacology and the different methods of assay used to determine potency and use. The vitamins and hormones were discussed in some detail. Doctor Leake closed his speech by discussing sulfanilamide, and warned of the danger of methemoglobin formation, liver destruction, and possible kidney damage. Discussion was opened by Doctor Beach and continued by Doctors Gundrum, Reardan, Scatena, Hall, and Babcock. In response to Doctor Reardan's question concerning the value of entoral for colds, Doctor Leake stated that he knew of no value in their use. Commenting on drisdol, in response to a question by Doctor Babcock, Doctor Leake warned of the possible presence of a toxisterol in this drug.

Dr. O. F. Johnson made a motion that the Program Committee be instructed to arrange a symposium for the October meeting by having those members of the Society talk on their recent experiences while visiting other medical centers or doing postgraduate work. The motion was carried.

G. E. MILLAR, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the San Bernardino County Charity Hospital on Tuesday, November 2. About sixty-five members and guests were present.

The applications for membership of Dr. Robert Norman Williams of Ontario and Dr. Samuel Zelman of Redlands were favorably voted on, as was Dr. R. M. Taylor's transfer from the Orange County Medical Society.

Dr. F. E. Clough reported on the progress of the Committee on Postgraduate Conferences.

The program of the evening was then given:

*Highlights in Diagnosis and Treatment of Skin Diseases in California* by Dr. H. C. L. Lindsay of Pasadena. Lantern slides and motion pictures in color were used to illustrate discussion. Doctor Lindsay's paper was discussed by Dr. Ross Martin of San Bernardino and Dr. Erving L. Rogers of Loma Linda.

*Report on Recent Legislation* by Mr. Ben Read, Executive Secretary of the Public Health League of California. Mr. Read also introduced Dr. Carl Rusche, President of the Southern District of the Public Health League, and Dr. William Daniels, past president of the organization.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p. m., following which refreshments were served.

ARTHUR E. VARDEN, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the Medico-Dental clubrooms at Stockton on November 4. The meeting was called to order by Dr. G. H. Rohrbacher. The petition of Doctor Fry for membership in the San Joaquin County Medical Society being approved, and there being no objections from the floor, Doctor Fry was declared a member.

Dr. Dewey Powell reported on the completion of the work of the special committee which had been working with the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company for correct listings in their new telephone book. This matter has been arranged to the satisfaction of our society.

Form O. H. 2 10 M. 9-37 of the San Joaquin County Local Health District, which offers free dental treatment as well as examination to school children, was read at the request of President H. E. Clegg of the San Joaquin County Dental Society. There was considerable discussion from the floor. It was moved by Dr. Dewey Powell, seconded by Dr. R. T. McGurk, that the Secretary be ap-

pointed to work with the secretary of the Dental Society to confer with Doctor Sippy as to the proper wording of these cards. The motion carried.

The next order of business was the nomination of officers. The following members were nominated:

For president: A. C. Boehmer of Lodi.

For first vice-president: N. P. Barbour and N. P. Johnson.

For second vice-president: F. A. McGuire, T. W. Kyddson, and P. H. McHugh.

For secretary-treasurer: G. H. Rohrbacher.

It was moved by Dr. Dewey Powell, seconded from the floor, that nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Doctors Boehmer and Rohrbacher. The motion carried.

For directors: C. H. Sanderson, H. S. Chapman, C. V. Thompson, C. A. Broadus, Samuel Hanson, J. F. Blinn, Dewey Powell, P. B. Gallegos, and J. F. Doughty.

For delegates: Dewey Powell, G. H. Sanderson, J. F. Doughty, and R. T. McGurk.

For alternates: C. A. Broadus, C. V. Thompson, G. H. Rohrbacher, and N. P. Johnson.

The scientific paper of the evening was given by Dr. H. C. L. Lindsay of Pasadena. Doctor Lindsay presented patients in a clinic in the Medico-Dental clubrooms from 5 to 6 p. m. before a large group of members. The regular paper of the evening was the *Use of Natural Colored Motion Pictures and the Teaching of Advanced Dermatology*. Besides this, Doctor Lindsay showed slides and gave a very comprehensive speech on his experiences and on dermatological conditions, which was well received.

There being no further business to come before the Society, the meeting was adjourned by Doctor Blinn at 10:30 p. m. Refreshments were served.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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#### TULARE COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Tulare County Medical Society was held at Motley's Café in Visalia on Sunday, October 17.

Austin Miller called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speaker, Dr. William L. Rogers of San Francisco. Doctor Rogers demonstrated several thoracoplasty procedures at the Springville Sanitarium during the morning, and presented a paper on *Chest Surgery* at the evening meeting. He discussed the surgical treatment in pulmonary tuberculosis, empyemas, and traumatic wounds of the chest. Lantern slides were utilized to illustrate the talk.

The two applications for membership from Dr. Thorwald Johnson of Porterville and Dr. William T. Burton of Tulare were reported on by the Secretary and they were unanimously elected to membership.

Doctor Zumwalt reported that the Public Health Office had available antilutetic medication for needy private patients.

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The Tulare County Medical Society held its regular meeting at Motley's Café on Sunday evening, November 7, Dr. R. C. Hill, presiding.

Doctor Winn, Medical Director of the Springville Sanitarium, read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, For the past two years the Tulare County Tuberculosis Association, with the coöperation of the medical and nursing staff of the Kings-Tulare Tubercular Hospital and the school nurses, have endeavored to carry out the recommendations of the State Tuberculosis Association in regard to the systematic skin-testing of all Freshman high school pupils in this county for the purpose of giving a complete examination to all positive reactors to the intradermal tuberculin test; and

WHEREAS, It is our desire that such testing be completed during the ensuing school year; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this matter be presented to the Tulare County Medical Society at an early meeting by the Medical Director of the Tubercular Hospital and the coöperation of as many members of that society as will volunteer their services for one or more days, be solicited in giving this test in the schools which have requested it, it being understood that all necessary expenses for such examinations and testing are to be paid by this Association; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the members of the Tulare County Medical Society be requested to utilize the tuberculin skin test with all children of suitable age who are known contacts with cases of open tuberculosis; and that this Association will furnish on request through Miss Jane Barker, the Tuberculosis Association nurse at the County Health Center, both the tuberculin syringe and tuberculin, without cost to any registered physician of this county, during the ensuing year, provided the physician will file a report with Miss Jane Barker, of all positive reactors.

Dr. Allan Palmer, Research Instructor at the University of California Medical School, was guest speaker for the evening. He read a very able paper on the *Female Sex Hormones* and discussed the practical indications for their use.

Following the educational program, Dr. E. C. Dickson and Dr. C. E. Smith of Stanford Medical School outlined a proposed plan of study of so-called *Valley Fever*. A combined laboratory and field investigation, under a grant from the Rosenberg Foundation, is contemplated. Historical review of the Fungus coccidioides was presented with lantern illustrations.

The Society voted unanimous coöperation in this undertaking.

A communication from the Rocky Hill Farms, Exeter, notifies of the discontinuance of certified milk production, effective November 1.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p. m.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

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#### VENTURA COUNTY

The monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held at the Saticoy Country Club on Tuesday evening, September 21.

At the conclusion of the dinner, President Hendricks introduced Doctor Packard of Bakersfield, newly elected counselor from this district, who spoke briefly on *The Problems Confronting the California Medical Association*.

Doctor Hendricks introduced Dr. Charles R. Wylie, the newly appointed health officer for Ventura County, who outlined the *Aims of the County Health Department*, and how they would be correlated with the work of the general practitioners. Doctor Wylie stressed the fact that the health department wishes to coöperate with the medical profession. He also recommended that a committee on public health be appointed, with whom he could consult between meetings.

This talk was followed by a discussion on vaccination and tuberculin tests for school children.

Dr. Sterling Clark was appointed program chairman for the October meeting.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held at the Saticoy Country Club on Tuesday evening, October 12.

After dinner Doctor Hyland presented a very interesting paper on the *Value of Convalescent Serum in the Various Contagious Diseases*. This was followed by a good discussion, in which most of the members participated.

Following the reading of the minutes a brief report of the Secretaries' Conference in San Francisco was given by the Secretary.

A. A. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

#### CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

##### New Members (47)

##### Contra Costa County

Howard B. Flanders

##### Humboldt County

Max John Goodman

##### Los Angeles County

Richard A. Carter

R. Fernandez

Y. F. Fujikawa

H. Harvey Greene

Rutherford T. Johnstone

Donald R. Laing

Edgar F. Mauer

M. W. McDougall

Ned D. Miller

Jesse C. Richards

David Rosenbloom

Harold D. Smith

Richard L. Smith

E. J. Sorenson

G. Arnold Stevens

Vincent E. Wagner

*Napa County*

Harry L. Bramwell

*Orange County*

Elizabeth L. Conforth

Charles E. Irvin

Mark A. Dalton

Harvey C. Maxwell

Henry Russell Hall

Charles E. Westerhout

*Sacramento County*

Walter M. Campbell

Roscoe L. Clark

Samuel G. Christian

James H. Yant

*San Diego County*

Richard T. Hamer

Anton S. Yuskis

Berenice I. Stone

*San Francisco County*

John Alden

George Bernard Robson

Jerome W. Bettman

John Francis Skelly

John F. Card

Jacob O. Smith

Bernard A. Cody

Elliott B. Tobias

Benjamin L. Freedlander

Malcolm M. Wall

Frank L. A. Gerbode

George O. Whitecotton

Allen T. Hinman

*Santa Clara County*

Louis H. Chaiken

*Tulare County*

William T. Burton

**Transferred (3)**

Adrian S. Crossen, from Placer County to Sacramento County.

John D. Keye, from Imperial County to Los Angeles County.

Godfrey Steinert, from Santa Barbara County to Sacramento County.

<b>In Memoriam</b>
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**Baker, Charlotte Le Breton Johnson.** Died at Point Loma, October 31, 1937, age 82. Graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, 1881. Licensed in California in 1888. Doctor Baker was a retired member of the San Diego County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Bowen, Fred Phelps.** Died at Los Angeles, October 9, 1937, age 57. Graduate of the University of Illinois, College of Medicine, Chicago, 1905. Licensed in California in 1910. Doctor Bowen was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Breed, Lorena M.** Died at Pasadena, October 20, 1937, age 74. Graduate of Northwestern University, Woman's Medical School, Chicago, 1893. Licensed in California in 1895. Doctor Breed was a retired member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Brem, Walter Vernon.** Died at Los Angeles, November 19, 1937, age 62. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland, 1904. Licensed in California in 1911. Doctor Brem was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Clark, John Ingram.** Died at Santa Ana, November 3, 1937, age 62. Graduate of Rush Medical College, University of Chicago, 1897. Licensed in California in 1904.

Doctor Clark was a retired member of the Orange County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Friedman, Joseph Centennial.** Died at Banning, October 20, 1937, age 61. Graduate of Rush Medical College, University of Chicago, 1900. Licensed in California in 1927. Doctor Friedman was a member of the Riverside County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Goodridge, Hannah A.** Died at Oakland, October 26, 1937, age 73. Graduate of Pulte Medical College of Cincinnati, 1903, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Goodridge was a retired member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Gross, Harold Gordon.** Died at Eureka, October 28, 1937, age 70. Graduate of Harvard University Medical School, Boston, 1893, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Gross was a member of the Humboldt County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Haynes, John Randolph.** Died at Los Angeles, October 30, 1937, age 84. Graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, 1874. Licensed in California in 1887. Doctor Haynes was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Kehr, Edwin Frank.** Died at Pasadena, October 31, 1937, age 32. Graduate of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, 1930. Licensed in California in 1932. Doctor Kehr was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Miller, Frank W.** Died at Los Angeles, November 1, 1937, age 66. Graduate of Rush Medical College of University of Chicago, 1894. Licensed in California in 1899. Doctor Miller was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Millspaugh, Willard P.** Died at Los Angeles, October 29, 1937, age 65. Graduate of Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, 1900. Licensed in California in 1903. Doctor Millspaugh was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Smith, Albert Sidney Johnston.** Died at San Jose, November 14, 1937, age 68. Graduate of Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri, 1893. Licensed in California in 1900. Doctor Smith was a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Zirker, Daniel Webster.** Died at Merced, October 25, 1937, age 52. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1908, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Zirker was a member of the Merced County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

MRS. HOBART ROGERS .....President  
MRS. FRED ZUMWALT .....Chairman on Publicity

### State News

As this goes to press, word is received from our Membership and Organization chairman, Mrs. Frederick N. Scaena, of the formation of an Auxiliary in Butte County. No details accompany the information further than the fact that, so far, there are fifteen members. We are happy to have them become part of this rapidly growing organization.

May their existence prove of service to the medical profession and the community which they serve. Butte County, we welcome you!

### Component County Auxiliaries

#### Alameda County

Sixty-nine years ago the Alameda County Medical Society was founded. To properly celebrate this important anniversary the members gave a large dinner dance, with their wives, members of the Woman's Auxiliary, as honored guests. It was the first time in all the years that they have been banqueting that the women have been included, and from our viewpoint, at least, it was a grand success.

Three hundred and thirty-five guests assembled at the Hotel Oakland on Wednesday evening, October 27. Many came at seven o'clock for cocktails in the Crystal Room. Dinner was served in the Ivory Room at eight o'clock.

Unique in many respects, probably the most outstanding feature of this delightful affair was the fact that all of the entertainment was furnished by members of the profession. Courses were punctuated by whole-hearted community singing, conducted by an enthusiastic physician. Another was master of ceremonies. Another brought his full-fledged dance band that functioned so tantalizingly that guests left hot juicy steaks to dance between crowded tables. Terpsichore in high form was shown in presentation of a solo tap dance by a prominent East Bay specialist. There was a clever skit written and presented by doctors.

The pièce de résistance, however, was a series of photographs of wives, acquired surreptitiously by the husbands from attics and far corners. These were made into slides by Doctor Templeton and flashed on a large screen over the orchestra stand. The star of the collection was a photograph of our own State President, Etta Rogers, at sixteen, in a long dress and high-topped shoes, apron and cap, holding the horn of a beautiful Jersey cow in her right hand, a milk bucket in her left.

The evening was pronounced "The finest county medical banquet in forty years" by one who has attended them that long, and all agreed that we should have more of them.

MRS. GRANT ELLIS,  
Chairman of Publicity.

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#### Fresno County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Fresno County Medical Society opened its fall season with a luncheon held at the Wish-I-Ah Sanatorium on October 5. We were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. Morrison and the County Board of Supervisors. After the business meeting we were taken on a tour of inspection through the sanatorium. Thirty-five members were present.

Our November meeting was held on November 2 at the University-Sequoia Club, Mrs. A. E. Anderson presiding.

†As county auxiliaries of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Fred Zumwalt, Chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 3880 Clay Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Zumwalt, and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the Editor to allocate two pages in every issue to Woman's Auxiliary notes.

The speakers of the evening were: Dr. W. F. Stein, who spoke on *County Health Department*; Dr. C. Mathenson spoke on the *City Health Department*; Doctor Merrill of the State Health Department chose for his subject, *Social Hygiene*.

At the December meeting, to be held on the seventh of that month, we will have an honored guest, Mrs. Hobart Rogers, our state president.

MRS. R. W. DAHLGREN,  
Assistant Publicity Chairman.

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#### Kern County

In the latter part of October, the Woman's Auxiliary to the Kern County Medical Society met in regular session at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Louis Packard, 2900 Twenty-first Street, in Bakersfield. Thirteen members were present. Mrs. J. M. Nicholson presided.

The business meeting followed. Notes from the fifteenth annual convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association, held at Atlantic City in June past, were read. One new subscription to *Hygeia* was received. It was decided to renew the following donations to *Hygeia*: Taft High School in Taft; Kern County High School in Bakersfield; Emerson and Washington Grammar schools in Bakersfield. New subscriptions will be given to Delano High School in Delano; Wasco High School in Wasco; Stony Brook Sanitarium in Kern County; California Institute for Women, Tehachapi.

Mrs. N. N. Brown thanked the Auxiliary for the kindnesses she received while in the hospital.

"An American Doctor's Odyssey" by Dr. Victor Heiser was ably reviewed by Mrs. C. I. Mead. Tea was served.

MRS. GEORGE BUCHNER,  
Secretary.

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#### Los Angeles County

The October meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Los Angeles County Medical Association was held at the Uplifters' Club in Santa Monica on Tuesday, October 26, with Mrs. Eliot Alden presiding. It was announced that sixty-one new members had been signed up in the past month, and many of them were present, reservations for the luncheon totaling 140.

This was a very delightful meeting, being more on the social than on the scientific side. After an attractive buffet luncheon, we had the privilege of hearing Mr. Rodney S. Sprigg sing.

Mrs. Wayland Morrison, a member of the Auxiliary and an author, gave a charming review of her latest book, "The Lost Queen of Egypt." Mrs. Karl von Hagen, also an Auxiliary member, gave a short paper on the new drug, sulfanilamide.

MRS. ROBERT L. CARROLL,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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#### Marin County

The usual monthly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Marin County Medical Society was held at the Marin Golf and Country Club on Thursday evening, October 28. The County Medical Society was joined by the Auxiliary for dinner. We heard a very interesting discussion on *Medical Legislation* by our guest speaker, Mr. Ben H. Read, Executive Secretary of the Public Health League of California. Following the talk the members of the Auxiliary adjourned to the lounge for their business meeting. There were fifteen members present.

Establishing a medical library for the Marin County Medical Society was discussed. Mrs. Harry Hund agreed to look into the matter and report at the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Auxiliary give \$10 to the Lending Library, headquarters in Los Angeles.

MRS. R. B. HARTMAN,  
Chairman of Publicity.

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#### Sacramento County

The home of Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Peers in Colfax was the setting for the regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement on Tuesday, October 19.

Mrs. William M. Miller of Auburn and Mrs. R. C. Atkinson of Colfax joined Mrs. Peers as hostesses to some forty members and guests.

A buffet luncheon was served, after which Miss Mary Craven of Sacramento gave a talk on current Broadway plays, and also told of her recent trip through southern United States, including visits to Atlanta, Georgia, and Williamsburg, Virginia, scene of the famous Colonial restoration project.

Mrs. William Van Den Berg presided, and the following special guests greeted the members: Mrs. Hobart Rogers of Oakland, state president; Mrs. Charles Hall of Piedmont, state corresponding secretary; Mrs. Frederick N. Scatena of Sacramento, state first vice-president; and Mrs. Andrew M. Henderson of Sacramento, past state president.

MRS. HUGH CARMICHAEL,  
Chairman of Publicity.

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#### San Diego County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society is growing in popularity, both in numbers and increased interest and enthusiasm. The Auxiliary is not only a delightful means of social contact for its members, but fulfills a truly educational and philanthropic community need.

It is traditional in the San Diego Auxiliary to open in September with a social luncheon meeting in colorful Coronado Beach and Tennis Club, with bridge and swimming as pleasant diversions. The November dinner dance proves to be one of the outstanding social events of the year. In the Spring, the year closes with a reception and tea for the incoming officers.

An annual bridge benefit in February nets the organization a neat little sum and provides the necessary funds for the yearly philanthropic work.

The Health Institute, sponsored by the Auxiliary, proved to be very successful last year and was well attended. This year even more extensive plans have been made, and a real community interest in this event is anticipated.

In October the Auxiliary heard Mr. Fred Morrison, local director of the Community Chest on *Modern Trends in Social Welfare*. November brought Dr. George D. Huff on Russian Medicine. In December Mrs. E. A. Blondin will review a medical book of current interest. Mrs. Hobart Rogers, our state president, will visit us in January. In April Dr. Lyell C. Kinney will acquaint us with *Pertinent Legislature Measures*. In May, Mrs. Eaton MacKay has for her subject *The History of Hospitals*.

The San Diego Auxiliary has a full and interesting year ahead of them. Under the able leadership of Mrs. Elliot G. Colby we are bound to go forward.

San Diego Auxiliary is happy to report an increased enrollment among the Navy doctors' wives this year.

MRS. R. EMERSON BOND,  
Secretary.

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#### San Francisco County

Addressing the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Francisco County Medical Society, Tuesday afternoon, October 19, Dr. Russell V. Lee of Palo Alto, President of the National League for Control of Venereal Diseases, called attention to the amount of sound and brilliant research that has been done on syphilis and gonorrhea and the brilliant achievement that has been made, achievement which might make possible a complete eradication of these diseases if the discoveries that have been made are applied as they can be applied.

Doctor Lee also stressed the enormous prevalence of the diseases in the United States, with some reference to the ravages that are wrought by these diseases. The experiences of the Scandinavian countries were cited, and the control of the diseases there. Then an outline of what he considers the most feasible method of attack in the United States was given. The necessity of the expenditure of considerable amounts of money was related, and the need for medical social service workers to follow up cases until they are finally cured of evidences of infection was pointed out.

The Auxiliary will also have the honor of an official visit from Mrs. Hobart Rogers of Oakland, President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association,

who will present some of the highlights of the State Auxiliary activities. Other state officers who will be present are Mrs. Charles C. Hall, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Harry O. Hund, treasurer.

MRS. HARRY R. OLIVER,  
Publicity Chairman.

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#### San Joaquin County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the San Joaquin County Medical Society have had two meetings, one in October and one in November.

We have made a survey of the sanitary conditions in our public schools and we are working to have the local Board of Education make the necessary changes that our health officer has suggested.

We have arranged with Dr. Malcolm Merrill, Chief of the State Bureau of Venereal Diseases, to give a lecture in Stockton on December 3 on venereal diseases. We are sponsoring the lecture along with our medical society. The public is to be invited, and special invitations are to be sent the members of the Board of Education and all of the women's clubs in Stockton and vicinity.

MRS. F. G. MAGGS,  
President.

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#### Santa Barbara County

Nineteen members were present at the luncheon meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Barbara County Medical Society at the home of Mrs. H. E. Henderson the latter part of October. The meeting marked the opening of the fall season for this organization. Plans were discussed for the annual essay contest which is conducted in the high schools and colleges of the county. Mrs. John Van Paing, chairman, will be assisted by a committee composed of Mrs. Charles S. Stevens and Mrs. Richard McGovney. Rules for the contest will soon be announced.

The president, Mrs. C. T. Roome, announced the committee chairmen who will serve for the coming year: Program, Mrs. Richard McGovney; Public Relations, Mrs. Horace Pierce; Membership, Mrs. Kent Wilson; Hospitality and Telephone, Mrs. Harold Schwalenberg and Mrs. C. W. Henderson; Publicity, Mrs. H. E. Henderson; Girl Scouts, Mrs. Edward Lamb.

MRS. H. E. HENDERSON,  
Chairman of Publicity.

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#### Santa Clara County

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Clara Medical Association held its first meeting of the year on Monday, October 4, at the Hotel De Anza. Fifty-three members were present. Mr. L. C. Mendenhall of the San Jose State College entertained by the reading of a play. Tea was served.

Mrs. M. D. Baker, vice-president, presided over the November meeting, some forty members and guests gathering at the Hotel St. Claire for luncheon. There was a short business meeting followed by a talk by Dr. Charles Ianne, his topic being the *County Tuberculosis Association*. This was instructive as well as interesting; he mentioned the necessity of supervision in wealthy as well as in poorer communities, and suggested the examination of servants before employment.

We were honored by having as guests our state president, Mrs. Hobart Rogers, and Mrs. Charles Hall, state corresponding secretary. This was Mrs. Rogers' official visit to our organization; she spoke of the aims and purposes of the Auxiliary and how we should proceed to create interest in it; she showed us that there was work to do and how easy it was to do when once the objectives of the organization were known.

Mrs. Harry Templeton, a guest from Oakland, was heard in a delightful program of vocal selections. We feel that our November meeting was one long to be remembered.

The meeting adjourned after a few words spoken by Mrs. Charles Moore and a moment of silence out of respect to our beloved Mrs. Durney, who was so suddenly and tragically taken from our midst.

MRS. R. WESLEY WRIGHT,  
Corresponding Secretary.  
MRS. M. D. BAKER,  
Vice-President.